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MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :—

That with reference to Rule 156 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect nine Members to be Members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1968–69.

The motion was put and carried.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform the House that, in accordance with the regulation 2 (1) framed for the holding of elections in ccordance with the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix the following programme for election of nine members to the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1968–69 :—

Time and date for the receipt of nomination—3·30 p.m. on 4th March 1968.

Time and date for the scrutiny of nominations—4 p.m. on 4th March 1968.

Time and date for the withdrawal of nominations—4 p.m. on 5th March 1968.

Poll, if necessary—On 7th March 1968, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Nomination forms can be had from the Secretary.

(2) ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

THE HON. THIRU M. KARUNANIDHI : Sir, I move—

That, with reference to Rule 173 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect six Members to be Members of the House Committee for the financial year 1968–69.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

That with reference to Rule 173 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect six Members to be Members of the House Committee for the financial year 1968–69.

The motion was put and carried.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform the House that in accordance with the regulation 2 (1) framed for the holding of elections in accordance with the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix the following programme for election of six Members to the House Committee for the financial year 1968–69 :—

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IV.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR 1968-69.

3-50 p.m. * THIRU G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I think I will be failing in my duty if I do not pay tributes to the present Government for what they have done during nearly one year which they are going to complete in the next few days.

Sir, it is the duty of a Government not only to maintain law and order but also to ensure peace and progress with reference to the citizens in the State. Education in this State has been lacking in its content. Practically there has been no adult education. There were attempts at adult literacy, but nothing was being done towards adult education. First of all, anybody who had been to Kumbakonam for the Mahamakam Festival admits that the arrangements there were A-1, excellent, not only with regard to food, milk and other things, but with regard to the traffic movement, etc. These festivals are in a way educating the adults. It brought together 15 lakhs of people in an orderly manner just with oneness of mind and with something supreme above them. Such a grand arrangement by this present Government ought to get tributes from one and all. The Tamil World Meet that this Government arranged during this one year has unearthed treasures about the Siddha system. By unearthing these treasures they have contributed a lot to the medical facilities of the future generation. It is up to the Government now to encourage the system and see that nobody in Tamil Nad goes without proper medical aid. A cheap system, a reliable system, and a system that can be extended to all villages without much cost has been unearthed by this Government as a section of the celebrations in the Tamil Meet and that ought to just receive appreciation from the public.

There is one other point with regard to adult education. The fixing of a portrait of Thiruvalluvar in every bus in the State Transport System and the couplet that has been fixed along with it—these two items go a long way to give adult education. Whatever may be the hurry of the public, at least those who travel over two or three furlongs have an occasion to see these couplets, study them and, if not fully understand them, can at least understand a little, what has been said according to their knowledge about the way in which they should conduct themselves. I would only request the Hon. the Minister for Transport to see that a new little lamp is fixed over the board so that people who travel after sunset may avail themselves of these boards.